HUDCO will assist in the implementation of the programme of setting up a national network of Nirman or Nirmithi Kendras country, which will, *inter alia*, provide easy access to locally relevant low cost building materials and techniques including mud construction.

*359. [*Transferred to the 24th March*, 1988.]

Revamping of the SAIL

*360. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any inquiry so far into the working of the SAIL; if so, what is the nature of irregularities detected;

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to revamp the SAIL to improve its functioning; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR) : (a) No specific irregularities in the working of SAIL have come to the notice of Government necessitating an enquiry.

(b) and (c) The performance of SAIL is reviewed regularly and where necessary directions are given for steps to improve the performance.

Cadbury's Apple Concentrate Plant

@2405. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for which Cadbury shut down their Plant manufacturing apple concentrate in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) what was the export commitment made by Cadbury regarding the export of apple concentrate and how much was exported?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) M/s. Cadbury (I) Ltd. (later on changed to Hindustan Coco Products Ltd.) decided to close the Apple Juice Concentrate Plant in Jammu & Kashmir with effect from 20th September, 1983 due to uneconomic operation and accumulation of losses during the last 3 years of its operation.

(b) The industrial licence issued on 14-6-79 in favour of M/s. Cadbury (I) Ltd., Bombay (later on changed to Hindustan Coco Products Ltd.) stipulated that the Company should export apple juice concentrate for a total F.O.B. value of Rs. 44 lakhs over a period of 5 years or for a total F.O.B. value equivalent to the total amount of foreign exchange spent by them on import of capital goods, raw materials etc., whichever was greater. During 1981 and 1982, Apple Juice Concentrate worth Rs. 87 lakhs were exported. After the closure of the plant in September, 1983, the undisposed stocks worth Rs. 38.57 lakhs were exported during 1984.

Performance of IRDP

2406. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is given to the poor under the Integrated Rural Development Programme;

(b) whether Government have fixed any revised line of poverty;

(c) whether the findings by the twenty-seven independent reputed research units into the performance of IRDP are satisfactory; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 1972 transferred from the 14th March, 1988.